

Resources for HSC Society and Culture

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HSC Society & Culture research guide

This guide brings together key resources for researching your PIP, such as which databases to use for finding journal and newspaper articles, ebooks, and using the Library effectively.

MENU: Research guides>HSC>Society & Culture
<http://guides.sl.nsw.gov.au/hsc-society-culture>

Issues in Society

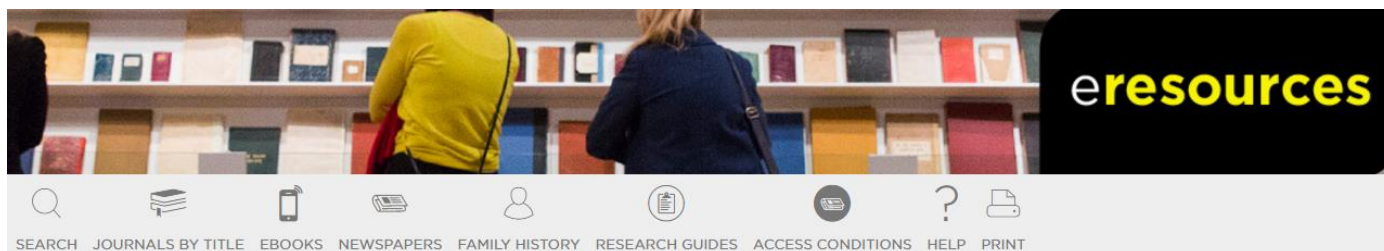
We hold copies of the *Issues in Society* journal, an excellent starting point for researching your PIP. Print copies are in our HSC Collection on LG2, and you can borrow eBook versions through our eBook portal on the eResources page.

PIPs

In the HSC Collection on LG2 we hold copies of award-winning PIPs to inspire and guide you in creating your own PIP. Digitised PIP extracts can be viewed on our website:

See: [Learning> Schools & Teachers> Society and Culture: Personal Interest Projects](#)

MENU: eResources



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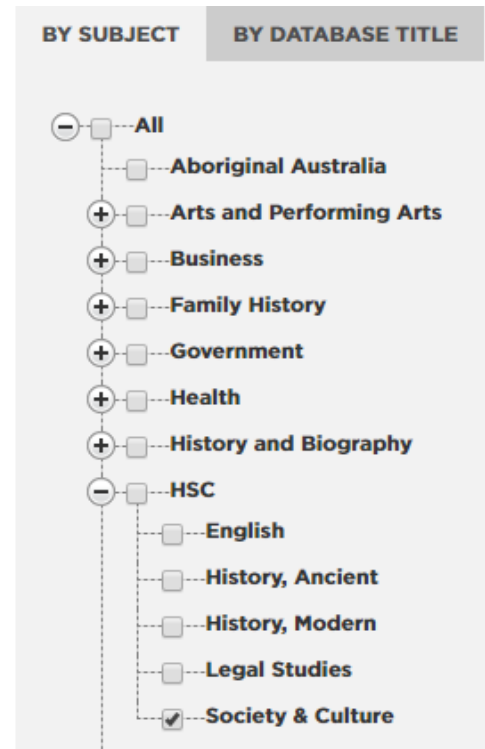
- Locate the subject **HSC** from the list on the left
- Open the '+' box next to **HSC** and tick *Society & Culture* for a list of recommended databases
- Or find a specific database by name (eg. Informit) in *By database title*

eBooks

Open the Ebook portal from the eResources page (or search the library catalogue). Find an ebook searching by keyword, or browsing by category; eg Social Sciences.
Find *Issues in Society* by searching: "issues in society".

Search tips for eResources

- Use "quotation marks" for exact phrase searching
- Use **ADVANCED** search options to combine words using AND, OR, NOT
- Use asterisks * for wildcards – alternative endings of words. Eg. sport* = sport, sports, sportsman, sportswoman
- Select **Full text** search options to find full text articles only
- Watch your **spelling** – both for accuracy and American spelling variations
- **Vary your search terms** – try synonyms for your topic words
- Refine your results in some databases by limiting to **scholarly** or **peer reviewed** sources, for academic level journals which have been evaluated by experts



Society and Culture specific databases

Choose subject **Social Sciences** for full list

INFORMIT

- Focuses on Australasian scholarly research and provides access to full-text articles and references.
- Includes:
 - Informit Families & Society Collection; Informit Humanities & Social Sciences Collection
 - Multicultural Australia and Immigration Studies
- Choose the main title **Informit** to search all these databases at once.

PROQUEST

- Provides online full-text access to a wide range of international journal articles and newspapers.
- Includes:
 - ProQuest Research Library and ProQuest Central
 - ProQuest Social Science; ProQuest Psychology; ProQuest Religion
 - ProQuest Australia and New Zealand Newsstream

EBSCO

- Provides access to many databases holding full-text articles and references from a wide range of Australian and international journals.
- Includes:
 - Australia/New Zealand Points of View Reference Centre
 - Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre
 - Academic Search Complete
 - LGBT Life with Full Text (EBSCO)

JSTOR

- Find scholarly articles on social and cultural issues from an extensive range of international journals.
- Especially useful for tracing social and cultural changes over time.